

Remarks/Arguments

The present amendment is made in response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2004, and identified as Paper No. 20040921. Claims 1-22 remain pending in the application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 7-13, and 18-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 3,049,251 to Glew ("*Glew*") in view of Hollinrake et al. ("*Hollinrake*"). Claims 3-6 and 14-17 were objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all intervening limitations.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of allowed claims 3-5. Accordingly, all claims depending from claim 1 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten claim 6 in independent form.

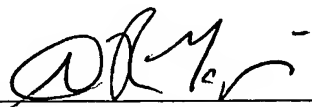
Applicant has amended claim 12 to include the limitation of allowed claims 14-16. Accordingly, all claims depending from claim 12 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant has rewritten claim 17 in independent form.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the Examiner's reconsideration is requested and allowance of the present application is believed to be in order. If the Examiner believes a phone conference with Applicant's attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, please contact the undersigned at (315) 218-8515.

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